



# Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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## Rock Island High School Launches Entrepreneur Classroom

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Thursday, Aug. 6 to celebrate the launch of the Rock Island High School Entrepreneur and Enterprise classroom.

Rock Island Rotary contributed \$10,000 to the project. Several club members are going to serve as mentors and help students learn all about building a business: from brainstorming, market research, human resources and business plan development. A classroom was renovated into a “Business Incubator” state-of-the-art classroom that will give students the space and freedom to collaborate in teams and work on their business model. Donations will also provide a pool of seed money for the teams to use as their ideas take shape. The course will culminate in “Pitch Week” where students offer their ideas to potential investors.

### Aug./Sept Calendar

- 08/4 – Club Assembly
- 08/11 – Ellis Kell
- 08/14 – Welcome YE  
Inbound Camila!
- 08/16 – Rock The Ride
- 08/18 – Joe Moreno – QC  
Marathon
- 08/21 – YE Outbound  
Melissa Hagerty departs!
- 08/25 – Brian Hollenback
- 09/01 – Dan McNeil, Exec.  
Director Spring Forward  
Learning Center
- 09/08 – Mike Oberhaus,  
State of the Schools - joint  
meeting with Kiwanis
- 09/15 - Pamela Crouch  
Zayner, Living Proof Exhibit
- 09/22 – To be announced
- 09/29 – Mike Miller, Exec.  
Dir. Riverbend Food Bank



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## Club Notes and Announcements

- **Welcome Guests!** Mark Zimmerman (Davenport Rotary); Kyle Vietti (Bloomington Normal Sunrise Rotary); Rotary 6420 Asst. Governor Cathy Edwards (Milan Rotary).
- **Rock Island Rotary Trivia Night!** The annual Rock Island Rotary Trivia Night has been scheduled for Friday, November 20 at Camden Center in Milan. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Trivia will be hosting and the evening will be “Player Friendly!” Any questions – contact Kathy Trone.
- **Youth Exchange Update!** Our next inbound Youth Exchange student, Camila Velasco (Peru) will be joining us very soon! Her flight arrives on Friday, August 14 at 6:35 p.m. at the QC International airport. Camila will be attending Alleman and her first Host Family is Karen and Scott Sheraden. Also, we will be sending off our next Youth Exchange Outbound Melissa Hagerty to Spain. Her flight is scheduled for August 21 and the time will be announced very soon. Please help us welcome Camila and give Melissa a great Rotary-style sendoff!
- **Save the Date!** The Illinois QC Rotary Clubs will be gathering at the Blue Cat Brew Pub on Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss utilizing future district grants and generate ideas for other interesting projects to plan for next year.

# Rotary Sponsored Event!

**The Rock Island Rotary Club is sponsoring the ROCK the RIDE event on Sunday, August 16!**

ROCK the RIDE is a bike ride event for families, and will be held from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The ride event utilizes bike lanes and the designated bike routes already in place in Rock Island. The focus is to highlight on the road bike amenities to the public, promote physical activity for youth and families and the need to create/maintain a safe environment.

**Volunteers are STILL needed!** Contact Dan McNeil if you are interested.